

ALABAMA BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE

MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2010

The Alabama Board of Funeral Service held its third regular meeting of fiscal year 2009-2010 on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at 11:00 p.m. in Room P-103 of the Gordon Persons Building, 50 North Ripley Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Members present were Carole Jones Banks, John Purdy, Joe Lewis, Terry Wilson, Sammy Seroyer, and Rita Woods. Staff present was Warren Higgins, Executive Secretary, recording.

Ms. Woods moved to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Seconded by Mr. Seroyer, the motion passed unanimously.

In old business, Mr. Higgins reported that the sunset bill had passed the legislature to continue the Board through September 30, 2012. He stated that bills that would amend the preneed laws and to restructure the funeral services laws were introduced, but failed to pass. He reported that the only other bill that passed involving funeral services was a bill to place at top priority as a person serving as an authorizing agent as the person designated by an active military member in emergency military records.

In new business, Mr. Purdy moved to approve all applicants who passed the state law exams given earlier that day upon the passing certification from the Conference under the new testing format, or those who had otherwise qualified for licensing. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms Woods moved to approve the reregistration of apprentice funeral director applications with previous time served as an apprentice credited to the current registration for Christopher Pullum, Margarie Ryals, Kyle Brooks, Claudette Bell, Zachary Ellis, and Yvette

Burton. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Seroyer moved to approve the reregistration of apprentice funeral director application for Patrick Munnerlyn with no time credited. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Woods moved to approve the reinstatement of funeral director and embalmer licenses for Patricia Long and John Graham and the funeral director license for Jeffery Jones. Seconded by Mr. Seroyer, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the funeral establishment application for Magnolia Cremation and Embalming Service of Montgomery, Resthaven Funeral Home of Lanett, and Shelby Memorial Funeral Home of Calera. Seconded by Mr. Seroyer, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Woods moved to approve the establishment application for Goodson Funeral Home of Roanoke pending the establishment passing inspection. Seconded by Mr. Lewis, the motion passed unanimously.

In other new business, Mr. Purdy inquired if there was a way to require vehicle ownership of the establishments and to have pictures of the establishment presented before the Board approved the establishment applications. Mr. Howard G. Johnson stated that the establishments should also have current license plates and proof of insurance for their vehicles. Mr. Higgins responded that establishments could legally lease or borrow vehicles so long as they had one and that photos could be construed as being subjective and could cause more legal problems than they solved. He also responded that current license plates and insurance had laws already in place and was the responsibility of the local authorities for enforcement.

In other new business, the Board heard a report from the selection committee to determine who would fill the vacancy of Associate Executive Secretary. The finalists were Gail Howard of Montgomery, Ernest Magruder of Tuskegee, Charles Perine of Mobile, and Maurice Ward of Valley. Ms. Banks asked each of the applicants when they would be available to begin working if selected and to state to the entire Board their qualifications. After each applicant had spoken, Ms. Banks opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Purdy nominated Charles Perine, with a second from Ms. Woods. Mr. Lewis nominated Ernest Magruder. The motion died for lack of a second. Ms. Banks called for a vote on the original motion which resulted with three positive votes cast by Ms. Woods, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Purdy; with Mr. Lewis and Mr. Seroyer abstaining, and the chair, Ms. Banks not voting.

Mr. Wilson moved to formally select Mr. Charles Perine as the new Associate Executive Secretary, effective June 1, 2010, at an annual salary of \$45,000 through fiscal year 2010. Seconded by Ms. Woods, the motion passed unanimously.

Being no other business, Ms. Woods moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion passed unanimously and the Board meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY